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### **MAYOR AND CITY ATTORNEY RECOMMEND WATER AND SEWER RATE ADJUSTMENTS; CITY ATTORNEY ISSUES INTERIM REPORT #13, CITING CRUCIAL NEED TO ADJUST WATER & SEWER RATES**

**San Diego, CA:** Citing that both water and sewer systems are failing at an alarming rate and need to be upgraded, Mayor Jerry Sanders and City Attorney Michael Aguirre held a joint news conference today to recommend water and sewer rate adjustments and the release of the *City Attorney's Interim Report No. 13- "The Case for Proposed Adjustments to Water and Wastewater Rates in the City of San Diego."*

"Under the leadership of Mayor Sanders, the City is taking action to establish fiscally responsible funding mechanisms to comply with our responsibilities under state and federal law," said City Attorney Aguirre. "We are legally required to do so and do not have the luxury of postponing these projects any longer."

Over the past five years the City has endured more than 600 water main breaks and 633 sewer line breaks. The report reviews the history of San Diego's water and wastewater systems, describes the improvements proposed by the City to maintain these systems in working order, and addresses the proposed adjustments to water and sewer rates and the related legal requirements

The City Council will meet Monday afternoon to begin hearings on water and sewer rate adjustments: The following items 200, 201, and 202 will be heard at 2:00 p.m., time certain.

ITEM-200: Procedures for Receiving and Tabulating Protests Against Water and Sewer Rate Increases Under Proposition 218. CITY ATTORNEY'S RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the resolution.

ITEM-201: Proposition 218 Noticing of Proposed Sewer Rate Adjustments. STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the resolution.

ITEM-202: Proposition 218 Noticing of Proposed Water Rate Adjustments. STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the resolution.

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